

TRAILBLAZERS

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The Honorable Steve Womack

U.S. House of Representatives

2412 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Womack,

I am writing to express Trailblazer's support for Northwest Arkansas Community College's application request for funding appropriation. The Northwest Arkansas Community College's, working closely with our organization, local and regional community groups, is requesting appropriation funding to complete a regional transportation trail that connects people in Bentonville and Rogers seamlessly with the community college bridging that gap.

An appropriation investment will enable the construction of ± 0.85 miles of new infrastructure for safe and accessible walking, rolling, and bicycling in Bentonville and Rogers. This crucial connection from neighborhoods to the community college, employment centers, cultural institutions, and numerous key destinations in a region with a growing need for affordable, convenient mobility options. This project also includes a tunnel under SW 14th Street where the daily traffic counts are between 34,000 to 37,000 vehicles per day and would be a huge barrier for trail users.

Here at Trailblazers our mission is to lead the development of an innovative regional recreation and transportation movement that places trails, cycling, and active transportation infrastructure at the core of an inclusive, vibrant, and healthy culture.

Trailblazers truly appreciate(s) the Department's consideration of the Norwest Arkansas Community College's application and look forward to the positive impacts of this vital infrastructure investment in our community over the years to come.

Sincerely,



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